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Computer Cracker Sentenced

On January 28, 2000, a juvenile was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution. The individual pled guilty on December 23, 1999 to six counts of juvenile delinquency for illegally accessing National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) computer systems. The compromise of these systems resulted in damage to the computers' operating systems and lost computer time while the computers were reconfigured for normal operation.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the Computer Crimes Division of the NASA Office of Inspector General, Office of Criminal Investigations. The prosecution was handled by the United States Attorney's Office.

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